

**Supplemental
Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Art Unit

2624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Phone Interview 11/17/10.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-21, 37, 38, 41, 47, 48, 51, 57, 59, and 69-87.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Anand Bhatnagar/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2624

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9, 11-21, 37, 38, 41, 47, 48, 51, 57, 59, and 69-87 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art of record, regarding claim 1, teaches the feature of "a processor communicatively coupled to the image scanner, the processor operable to create a data file comprising the one or more currency bill images, wherein each currency bill image is tagged with the extracted serial number of that currency bill and the identifier of the transaction involving that currency bill to allow for the involved one or more currency bills to be subsequently traced by serial number to that transaction," this, in combination with the other claim limitations.

Regarding claim 37, none of the prior art of record teaches the feature of "using the processor or another processor, linking the currency bill image with the serial number(s) for the distributed currency bill(s) and the transaction identifier so as to allow the distributed currency bills to be traced to a certain transaction by their serial number," this, in combination with the other claim limitations.

Regarding claim 47, none of the prior art of record teaches the feature of "a processor communicatively coupled to the image device, the processor operable for linking the currency bill image(s) with the serial number(s) for the distributed currency bill(s) and the transaction identifier so as to allow the distributed currency bills to be traced to a certain transaction by their serial number," this in combination with the other claim limitations.

Regarding claim 57, none of the prior art of record teaches the feature of “a processor communicatively coupled to the imaging device, the processor operable for linking the currency bill image(s) with the serial number(s) for the distributed currency bill(s) and the transaction identifier so as to allow the distributed currency bills to be traced to a certain transaction by their serial number,” this in combination with the other claim limitations.

Regarding claim 69, none of the prior art of record teaches the feature of “using the processor or another processor, creating a data file comprising fields populated with at least a portion of the obtained currency bill images, wherein each currency bill image field is tagged to additional fields including the extracted serial number and the identifier of the transaction involving that currency bill thereby allowing the received currency bills to be subsequently traced by serial number to the transaction,” this in combination with the other claim limitations.

Regarding claim 83, none of the prior art of record teaches the feature of “using a processor, linking the currency bill image(s) with the serial number(s) for the received currency bill(s) and the transaction identifier thereby allowing the received currency bills(s) to be traced to the reception transaction by their serial number, wherein linking comprises forming an image file populated with fields containing the at least partial image of each currency bill for that transaction, the serial number associated with the partial image, and the transaction identifier,” this in combination with the other claim limitations.

Regarding claim 85, none of the prior art of record teaches the feature of “a processor communicatively coupled to the imaging device, the processor operable for linking the currency bill image(s) with the serial number(s) for the received currency bill(s) and the transaction identifier thereby allowing the received currency bills to be traced to the reception transaction by their serial number, wherein the linking includes forming an image file populated with fields containing the image of each received currency bill, each extracted serial number, and the transaction identifier,” this in combination with the other claim limitations.

Regarding claim 87, none of the prior art of record teaches the feature of “a processor communicatively coupled to the imaging device, the processor operable for linking the currency bill image(s) with the serial number(s) for the received currency bill(s) and the transaction identifier thereby allowing the received currency bills to be traced to the reception transaction by their serial number, wherein the linking includes forming a data file populated with fields containing the image of each currency bill for the reception transaction, the associated currency bill serial number, and the transaction identifier,” this in combination with the other claim limitations.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANAND BHATNAGAR whose telephone number is (571)272-7416. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vu Le can be reached on 571-272-7332. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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